

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
DNR CO-SPONSORED YOUTH DEER HUNTS - 2008
WILDLIFE REGION 2 - PRIVATE AREA**

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Upstate Youth Deer Hunt Sponsor has designed the youth deer hunt to strongly encourage more participation by youngsters who have never been deer hunting. Sportsmen's kids are certainly welcome to apply for the hunts but are encouraged to bring with them another youth who has never been deer hunting or has very limited hunting experience. We feel that one of the best ways to recruit "new hunters" is for youngsters who hunt ("youth sportsmen") to encourage one of their friends who doesn't hunt to apply, and then if selected, actually bring them to the hunt. We especially want to introduce these "new hunters" to the challenges, thrills and enjoyment associated with hunting. Equally as important, we also want to make sure that this introduction is done safely and ethically. Both "new hunters" and "youth sportsmen," who wish to apply for these hunts must fully complete and return an application that includes a questionnaire about their hunting experience along with a completed liability waiver form. The applicant and their parent or legal guardian must sign both the hunt application and the liability waiver form.

All DNR co-sponsored Upstate Youth Deer Hunts will be on Saturday afternoons and will conclude shortly after dark. At each hunt, there will be discussions of deer biology and the role of hunting in wildlife management along with comments regarding sportsmanship and hunter ethics. There will be training on marksmanship and a thorough review of firearms safety. Appropriate firearms will be provided for those who need them. Each youth will be assigned a responsible adult to assist and supervise them during the entire event. A meal for all the participants and their parents will be provided after the hunt. More detailed instructions and directions to the hunt sites will be provided to applicants who are selected. If parents have further questions regarding safety, supervision, etc., please contact Jeff Witt, DNR Wildlife Biologist at 864- 427-5140 or E-mail Wittj@dnr.sc.gov.

Preference will be given to "new hunters." Also, "youth sportsmen" who sponsor or get "new hunters" to apply with them (applications submitted together) will be given preference. Participation by these "youth sportsman" will then require them to bring the "new hunter" they promised or ensure that the "new hunter" attends the hunt. The age requirement for these special youth deer hunts is 17 and younger. There is no application fee or any other costs associated with these hunts. However, participants that are age 16 or 17 will be required to have a Junior Sportsman's License. All hunts will be held on well-managed properties that have high-density deer populations and good hunting success. Young people who have an interest in trying deer hunting but have not had previous opportunities because they lacked a hunting connection should certainly apply. Applications are available from the Union DNR Office or the DNR website at www.dnr.sc.gov. Applications can also be copied. Completed applications must be received at the Union DNR Office by 5:00 p. m. on Monday, September 15, 2008, to be eligible for the drawing.

**RETURN TO: SCDNR – REGION 2 - YOUTH DEER HUNTS
124 WILDLIFE DRIVE
UNION, S. C. 29379
(864) 427-5140 OR FAX (864) 427-8460**

**DNR CO-SPONSORED YOUTH DEER HUNT APPLICATION - 2008
WILDLIFE REGION 2 - PRIVATE AREA**

YOUTH NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUTH (Please answer all questions)

1. What wildlife species have you hunted?
Circle: Dove Quail Rabbit Squirrel Turkey Deer Other None
2. Who has taken you hunting in the past?
Circle: No One Father Mother Relative Friend
3. How many times have you hunted deer previously?
Circle: Never 1 to 3 4 or more Frequently
4. Have you ever attended a DNR Co-Sponsored Youth Hunt?
Circle: Yes No
5. Have you ever killed a deer?
Circle: Yes No
6. Name and telephone number of "new hunter" you are bringing or sponsoring.
Name _____ Telephone _____

(Note: "New hunters" must also complete and submit an application)

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (Please answer all questions)

1. Do you participate in hunting?
Circle: Yes No
2. Do you have or could you obtain a suitable firearm for your youngster to use during this hunt?
Circle: Yes No
3. Do you want to sit in the stand with your youngster on this hunt?
Circle: Yes No

NOTE - The appropriate signatures acknowledges that the youth=s parents or legal guardians grant permission for their youth to participate in this special youth deer hunt as described in this announcement.

**100 Oaks Plantation
York County
10-18-08**

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

I understand that there are risks and dangers inherent in participating in hunting activities. I also understand that in order to be allowed to participate, I must give up my rights to hold liable the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and all cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners who accommodate special DNR hunts for any injury or damage which I may suffer while participating in a Department of Natural Resources draw hunt.

Knowing this, and in consideration of being permitted to participate, I hereby voluntarily release the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners from any liability resulting from or arising out of my participation in the draw hunt.

I understand and agree that I am releasing not only the entities set forth in the two paragraphs above, but also the officers, agents, and employees of those entities.

I understand and agree that this release will have the effect of releasing, discharging, waiving, and forever relinquishing any and all actions or causes of action that I may have or have had, whether past, present, or future, whether known or unknown, and whether anticipated or unanticipated by me, arising out of my participation. This release constitutes a complete release, discharge, and waiver of any and all actions or causes of action against the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and its officers, agents, or employees and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners.

I understand and agree that this release applies to personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, which I may suffer, even if caused by the acts or omissions of others.

I understand and agree that by signing this release, I am assuming full responsibility for any and all risk of death or personal injury or property damage suffered by me while participating in the draw hunt.

I understand that and agree that this release will be binding on me, my spouse, my heirs, my personal representatives, my assigns, my children and guardian ad litem for said children.

I understand and agree that by signing this release, I am to release, indemnify and hold the State of South Carolina and its agency the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and its officers, agents, or employees and cooperating hosts, sponsors and landowners harmless from any and all liability or costs, including attorney fees, associated with or arising from my participation in the draw hunt.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____